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THE PETITION

AND REASONS OF THE

LORDS AND Commons assembled in Parliament unto his *Maiestie* (with the Reasons moving them to advise his Majesty) to decline his intended journey into IRELAND.

Sent to *York* by the Earle of *Stamford*, Sir *Iohn Culpepper* Knight, Chancellour of the Exchequer, and *Anthony Hungerford* Esquire.

Who presented the same to his Majestie at YORKE, on Monday last, being the 18 day of *April*, 1642.

And Ordered to be Printed and published by the Commons House of PARLIAMENT.

Die Veneris 22 *of April.*
Hen. Elsyng Cler. Parl. D. Com.

Whereunto is added His Majesties Answer thereunto, returned to both Houses. *Aprill* 22.

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May it pleaſe your Maieſtie.

Your Majeſties moſt loyall, and faithfull Subiects, and Commons in Parliament have duely conſidered the Meſſage received from your Maieſtie, concerning your purpoſe of going into Ireland in your owne perſon to proſecute the warre there with the bodies of your Engliſh Subiects levied, tranſported, and maintained at their charge, which you were pleaſed to propound to us, not as a matter wherein you Maieſtie deſires the advice of your Parliament, but as already firmely reſolved on, and forthwith to bee put in execution, by granting our Commiſsioners for the levying of two thouſand foote, and two hundred horſe for a Guard for your perſon when you ſhall come into that kingdome, wherin wee cannot chuſe but withall reverence and humility to your Maieſtie, obſerve that you have declined your great Councell the Parliament, and varied from the uſuall courſe of your Royall Predeceſſors, that a buſineſſe of ſo great importance concerning the peace and ſafty of all your Subiects, and wherein they have a ſpeciall intereſt by your Maieſties promiſe, and by thoſe great ſums which they have diſburſed, and for which

they ſtand ingaged ſhould bee concluded and undertaken without their advice, wherupon we hold it our duty to declare, that if at this time your Maieſtie ſhall goe into Ireland, you will very much indanger the ſafety of your Royall Perſon and Kingdome, and of all other States Profeſsing the Proteſtant Religion in Chriſtendome, and make way to that cruell, and bloody Deſignes of the Papiſts every where to root out and deſtroy the Reformed Religion as the Iriſh Papiſts have in a great part already effected in that Kingdome and in all likelyhood would quickly bee attempted in other places, if the conſideration of the ſtrength and union of the two nations of England and Scotlaud, did not much hinder, and diſcourage the execution of any ſuch deſigne, and that wee may manifeſt to your Maieſtie; the danger and miſerie, which ſuch a iourney and enterprize would procure we preſent to your Maieſtie the Reaſons of this our humble opinion, and advice.

1 YOur Royall perſon will bee ſubiect not onely to the caſualty of warre, but to ſecret practiſes, and conſpiracies eſpeciall your Maieſtie concerning your profeſsion to maintaine the Proteſtant Religion in that Kingdome which the Papiſts are generally bound by their vow to extirpate.

2 It will exceedingly encourage the Rebels who doe generally profeſſe, and declare that your Maieſtie doth favour and allow their proceedings, and this inſurrection was undertaken by the warrant of your Commiſsion, and it will make good their expectaion of great advantage by your Maieſties preſence at

at this time of so much distractions in this Kingdome, whereby they may hope we shall be disabled to supply the warre there, especially there appearing lesse necessitie of your Maiesties Iourney at this time, by reason of the manifold successes which God hath given against them.

3. It will much hinder and inpaire the meanes, whereby this Warre is to be supported, And will encrease the Charge of it; And in both these respects, make it more insupportable to your subiect; and this we can confidently affirme, because many of the Adventurers who have already subscribed, doe upon the knowledg of your Maiesties Intentions, declar their resolutions, not to pay in their money, And others very willing to have subscribed doe now professe the contrary.

4. Your Maiesties absence must necessarily very much interrupt the proceedings of Parliament, and deprive your Subiects of the benefit of those further Acts of Grace, and Iustice, which we shall humbly expect from your Maiesty for the establishing of perfect vnion, and mutuall confidence betwixt your Maiesty and your People, and procuring and confirming the prosperity and happinesse of both.

5. It will exceedingly encrease the iealousies and feares of your people, and render the doubts of your Subiects more probable of some force intended by some evill counsells neere your Maiesty, in opposition to the Parliament, and favour of the malignant party of the Kingdome.

6. It will deprive your Parliament of that advantage, whereby they were induced to undertake this

war vpon your Majesties promise, that it should be manag'd by their advise, which cannot be done, if your Majesty contrary to their Counsell shall undertake to order and governe it in your owne Person.

Upon which and divers other reasons we have resolved by the full and concurring agreement of both Houses, that we cannot with the dutie which belongs to us, consent to any Levyes or raising of Souldiours to be made by your Majesty, for this your intended expedition into *Ireland*, or to the payment of any Army or Souldiours there, but such as shall be imployed and governed according to our advice and direction, and that if such Levyes shall be made by any Commission of your Majesty, not agreed to by both Houses of Parliament, we shall be forced to interpret the same to be raysed to the terrour of your people, and disturbance of the publicke peace, and hold our selves bound by the Lawes of the Kingdome, to apply the Authority of Parliament to suppresse the same.

And we doe further most humbly declare, that if your Majesty shall by ill counsell, be perswaded to goe contrary to this advice of your Parliament: (which we hope your Majesty will not, We doe not in that case hold our selves bound to submit to any Commissioners, which your Majesty shall choose, but doe resolve to preserve and governe the Kingdome by the counsell and advice of Parliament, for your Majesty and your Posterity, according to Allegiance, and the Law of the Land.

Wherefore we most humbly pray, and advice your Majesty, to desist from this your intended passage

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into Ireland, and from all preparation of men and Arms tending thereunto, and to leave the managing of that warre to your Parliament, according to your Majesties promise made unto us and your Royall Commission, granted under your great seale of England, by advise of both Houses, in prosecution whereof, by Gods blessing we have made a prosperous entrance by many defeats of the Rebels, whereby they are much weakned and dis-heartened, and have no probable means of subsistence, if our proceedings shall not be interrupted by this interposition of your Majesties journey, but that we may hope upon good grounds, that within a short time, without hazard of your Majesties Person, and so much dangerous confusion to your kingdoms, which must needs ensue if you should proceed in this resolution. We shall be enabled fully to vindicate your Maiesties right and Authority in that Kingdom, and punish those horrible and outragious cruelties which have been committed in the murthering, and spoyling so many of your subjects, and being that Realm to such a condition, as may be much for the advantage of your Majesty, and this Crowne, the honor of your government and contentment of your people, for the better and more speedy effecting whereof, We do againe renew our humble desires of your return to your Parliament. And that you will please to reject all Counsels, and apprehensions which may any way derogate from that faithfulnesse, and Allegiance which in truth and sincerity we have alwaies borne, and professed to your Majesty, and shall ever make good to the uttermost, with our lives and fortunes.

Die veneris 22 of April 1642.

It is this day Ordered by the Commons House of Parliament, that this Petition shall be forth with published in Print.

H. Elsing Cler. Parl. D. Com.

His Maiesties Answer to this Petition, returned the 22. of Aprill. 1642.

HIs Maiesty hath thought something of the Petition, and is much unsatisfied with many of your expressions therein; His Maiesty will shortly send his Parliament a particular, but for the present you are to tell them, that as he resolved to doe nothing concerning his *Irish* Iourney, before he should receive their Answer; So now he will not proceede further therein, vntill they shall heare further from him againe.

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